Claim 21 finds support throughout the specification as filed, with particular support being found in original claim 1 and the sequence listing as filed.

Claim 22 finds support throughout the specification as filed, with particular support being found in original claim 9 and the sequence listing as filed.

Claim 23 finds support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least at page 3, line 16, page 14, lines 20-26 and in original claim 4.

Claim 24 finds support throughout the specification as originally filed, with particular support being found at least at page 3, lines 16-17, page 14, lines 23-27, and in original claim 6.

As new claims 21-24 are fully supported by the specification as filed It will be understood that no new matter is included within the amended specification or the newly added claims.

III. Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or believe that certain amendments of the claims might serve to improve their clarity, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

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